

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 06, 2026

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Vander Woude, Vice Chairman Erickson, Representatives Healey, Redman, Wheeler, Beiswenger, Burgoyne, Cayler, Fuhriman, Leavitt, McCann, Thompson, Hall (Stone), Tanner(13), Rubel, Egbert

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Chairman Vander Woude, Rep. Healey

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Vice Chairman Erickson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

RS 33454: **Rep. Jordan Redman**, District 3, presented **RS 33454** to restore regulations for short-term insurance plans, a good alternative for affordable insurance.

Rep. Redman Declared Rule 80 stating a possible conflict of interest.

MOTION: **Rep. Beiswinger** made a motion to introduce **RS 33454**.

Rep. Fuhriman declared Rule 80 stating a possible conflict of interest.

Responding to questions, **Rep. Redman** said these limited duration stop-gap plans have different restrictions and may not cover everything found in a regular plan.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Vice Chairman Erickson** called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 33454**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33456: **Rep. Jordan Redman**, District 3, presented **RS 33456**. Hospitals make presumptive eligibility determinations regarding a patient's Medicaid eligibility. Without guardrails, this practice is subject to abuse when the patients turn out to be ineligible after the services have been rendered. This proposed legislation authorizes the Department of Health and Welfare to discipline hospitals for misuse of the program with a three-strikes-out approach.

MOTION: **Rep. Beiswenger** made a motion to introduce **RS 33456**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

Representative Erickson
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary